

Paris Talks Put Off as U.S. Protests Rally

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PARIS, Feb. 10—The United States refused at the Vietnam peace talks here today to agree to a date for the next session. It accused the North Vietnamese of organizing a three-day rally in nearby Versailles to place "intolerable" pressure on the negotiators.

William J. Porter, the chief American delegate, protesting the arrival of what he called "a horde of Communist-controlled agitators" for the rally beginning tomorrow, declared that he would inform the other side "when we have determined how soon another meeting will be desirable."

This statement came several hours before President Nixon said at a news conference in Washington that there would be "no more proposals and no more concessions on our part" at the Paris talks unless the North Vietnamese respond to the eight-point American peace plan.

1,000 Expected at Rally

About 1,000 people representing mainly leftist organizations in 80 countries are scheduled to meet tomorrow through Sunday as the "World Assembly of Paris for Peace and Independence of the Indochinese Peoples" in support of the Vietnamese Communist peace proposals.

The North Vietnamese and Vietcong delegations protested against Mr. Porter's refusal to agree to the usual meeting time next Thursday, denouncing what they described as "this act of sabotage and this arrogant attitude."

Today's session was marked by invective and accusations of bad faith. Its bitter character was the more striking because it came after several weeks when issues had been discussed and an impression had been

created of some movement by both sides, however slight.

The United States acted today, with the support of South Vietnam, after representations had been made to the French Government against the Versailles meeting, which the allies said would affect the calm and neutral atmosphere in which the talks are supposed to be held. The Government was understood to have answered that it had no legal way to block such an assembly.

Street Demonstration Banned

However, a street demonstration in downtown Paris planned for Saturday was prohibited by the Government.

Listed as the official organizers of the Versailles rally are 48 French leftist organizations—political parties, labor unions and citizens' groups—and the Conference of Stockholm on Vietnam, which over the years has taken pro-Communist positions on a number of questions.

Both the North Vietnamese Workers party—the Communist party—and the South Vietnamese National Liberation Front are scheduled to be represented, but it was not clear whether official Communist delegates to

the peace talks would appear in Versailles.

A list of 70 persons from the United States included such prominent peace advocates as Jane Fonda, the actress; Prof. George Wald of Harvard University, a Nobel Prize winner in medicine, and Howard Zinn, the historian.

'Befoul the Atmosphere'

After today's session of the peace talks, both Stephen J. Ledogar, the American spokesman, and Nguyen Trieu Dan, the Saigon spokesman, called attention to the size and international character of the Versailles gathering, and Mr. Ledogar added:

"This is a North Vietnamese-organized show. The indications are that they will befoul the atmosphere here so much that it will take God knows how long to clear the effluvia away."

In support of his charge that the North Vietnamese had organized the Versailles meeting, Mr. Ledogar said, "I have plenty of information but I can't make it public."

Mr. Ledogar refused to comment when asked if the United States did not have an interest in stopping the talks here around the time of President Nixon's

visit to Peking, which is scheduled to begin Feb. 21.

Neither he nor Mr. Dan would predict when the talks would resume. Mr. Dan said the situation would be examined "to see whether there is a favorable and appropriate atmosphere for a serious negotiation."

At the talks today the North Vietnamese accused the Nixon Administration of fearing public opinion "as an owl fears the light or like a bad merchant who is afraid somebody will discover the bad quality of his merchandise."

Ly Van Sau, the spokesman of the Vietcong delegation, said that Mr. Porter "has lost all notion of courtesy and all reason." Mr. Sau said Mr. Porter's "rude language" in speaking of a horde of agitators "is unworthy of the representative of a country like the United States."